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November 4, 2008

Charr Lee Metsker, Deputy Director
Welfare-To-Work Division
California Department of Social Services
744 "P" Street, MS 17-08
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Ms. Metsker:

This is to request certification of the enclosed Addendum to Section (m), ASSISTING FAMILIES TRANSITIONING OFF AID, of the Los Angeles County CalWORKs County Plan. Subsequent to our last addendum, dated November 2005, this addendum reflects changes in job retention services/Post-Employment Services (PES) for former CalWORKs participants. Our welfare-to-work policy has been updated to reflect the curtailment of PES approved by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

Please let me know if you have any questions. You may reach me at (562) 908-8633 or your staff may contact Jackie Mizell-Burt of GAIN Program Division at (562) 908-8447.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Phil Ansell', written in dark ink.

Phil Ansell, Director
Bureau of Program and Policy

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Enclosure

**REVISED ADDENDUM TO SECTION (m)
ASSISTING FAMILIES TRANSITIONING OFF AID
Los Angeles County CalWORKs Plan
October 2008**

Please describe how the county will work with families who leave aid due to employment. [Reference: WIC Section 10531 (m)].

Los Angeles County offers Post-Employment Services (PES) (DPSS' version of job retention services) for employed discontinued participants. A former CalWORKs participant whose cash aid has been terminated for any reason, is eligible for PES for a period of up to 12 months from termination when employed full-time.

Full-Time Employment Definition

Participants are considered *employed full-time* when working a minimum of 32/35 hours per week (single/two-parent household) and earning at least the state minimum wage, or the federal minimum wage if self-employed.

THE PERIOD OF ELIGIBILITY FOR PES FOR A FORMER CalWORKs PARTICIPANT IS BASED ON TWO CRITERIA:

- Three months for stabilization during the transition from welfare-to-work; and
- Nine additional months for advancement provided the employed participant is engaged in a concurrent Specialized Supportive Service activity, or education/training activity related to job or career advancement.

PES FOR A FORMER CalWORKs PARTICIPANT INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO:

- *Continued Case Management*
- *Supportive Services including Child Care, Transportation and Ancillary Expense Payments*
- *Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) counseling*
- *Transitional Subsidized Employment*
- *Work Experience*
- *Career Assessment*
- *Opportunities For Continued Educational Development*
- *Job Skills Training*
- *Life Skills Training*
- *Substance Abuse/Mental Health/Domestic Violence Services*